

Effective June 19, 2015.

**EMINENT DOMAIN POWERS OF CERTAIN CONSERVATION
AND RECLAMATION DISTRICTS**

CHAPTER 984

H.B. No. 4175

AN ACT

relating to eminent domain powers of certain conservation and reclamation districts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. CERTAIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapters 7937, 7939, 7940, 7941, 7942, 7943, 7944, 7946, 7947, 7948, and 7949 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 7937. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
5 OF HARRIS COUNTY**

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7937.001. **DEFINITION.** *In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 5 of Harris County.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7937.051. **EMINENT DOMAIN.** (a) *The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) *Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).*

**CHAPTER 7939. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
61**

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7939.001. **DEFINITION.** *In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 61.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7939.051. **EMINENT DOMAIN.** (a) *The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) *Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).*

CHAPTER 7940. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
150

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7940.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 150.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7940.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7941. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
211 OF HARRIS COUNTY

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7941.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 211 of Harris County.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7941.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7942. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
483

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7942.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 483.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7942.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise

the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7943. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
484

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7943.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 484.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7943.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7944. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
485

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7944.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 485.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7944.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7946. LIBERTY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.
2

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7946.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Liberty County Municipal Utility District No. 2.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7946.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7947. LIBERTY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.

3

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7947.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Liberty County Municipal Utility District No. 3.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7947.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7948. POST WOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7948.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Post Wood Municipal Utility District.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7948.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7949. WEST PARK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7949.001. *DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the West Park Municipal Utility District.*

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7949.051. *EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 8. Subchapter C, Chapter 8112, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8112.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8112.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 3. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9. Subchapter C, Chapter 8113, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8113.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8113.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 4. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10. Subchapter C, Chapter 8114, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8114.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8114.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 5. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11. Subchapter C, Chapter 8115, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8115.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8115.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 6. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12. Subchapter C, Chapter 8116, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by

adding Section 8116.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8116.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 7. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 13. Subchapter C, Chapter 8117, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8117.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8117.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 8. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 14. Subchapter C, Chapter 8118, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8118.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8118.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 9. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 100. Section 8119.103, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8119.103. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain outside the district boundaries to acquire a site for a water treatment plant, water storage facility, wastewater treatment plant, or wastewater disposal facility.

(b) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(c) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (b).

SECTION 10. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 101. Section 8120.103, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8120.103. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain outside the district boundaries to acquire a site for a water treatment plant, water storage facility, wastewater treatment plant, or wastewater disposal facility.

(b) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(c) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (b).

SECTION 11. ENCANTO REAL UTILITY DISTRICT. Subchapter C, Chapter 8161, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8161.102 to read as follows:

Sec. 8161.102. EMINENT DOMAIN. *(a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 12. LIBERTY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5. Subchapter C, Chapter 8185, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8185.104 to read as follows:

Sec. 8185.104. EMINENT DOMAIN. *(a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 13. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 8186, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8186.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8186.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. *(a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 14. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 233 OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. Subchapter C, Chapter 8192, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8192.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 8192.103. EMINENT DOMAIN. *(a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.*

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise

the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 15. CNP UTILITY DISTRICT. Section 8270.153, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8270.153. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain only:

- (1) in a county in which the district is located; and
- (2) when necessary to carry out the purposes for which the district was created.

(b) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(c) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (b).

SECTION 16. HARRIS COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 16. Subchapter C, Chapter 8277, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8277.102 to read as follows:

Sec. 8277.102. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 17. EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 8308, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8308.104 to read as follows:

Sec. 8308.104. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 18. HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 119. Subtitle I, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9066 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9066. HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 119

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 9066.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 119.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 9066.051. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that section.

(b) Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVE DATE. As provided by Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution, this Act takes effect only on a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house. If this Act receives the vote necessary to take effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 133, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4175 on May 29, 2015, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 4175 on May 31, 2015: Yeas 126, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 26, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 4175 on May 31, 2015: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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**IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL FEES FOR FILING CIVIL
CASES AND FOR RECORDING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN
HIDALGO COUNTY AND CAMERON COUNTY**

CHAPTER 985

S.B. No. 1964

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of additional fees for filing civil cases and for recording certain documents in Hidalgo County and Cameron County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.711 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.711. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE FOR CIVIL CASES IN HIDALGO COUNTY AND CAMERON COUNTY. (a) This section applies only to district courts, statutory probate courts, and county courts at law in Hidalgo County and Cameron County.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section and in addition to all other fees authorized or required by other law, the clerk of a court shall collect a filing fee of not more than \$20 in each civil case filed in the court to be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the Hidalgo County or Cameron County civil courts.

(c) Court fees due under this section shall be collected in the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the case.

(d) The clerk shall send the fees collected under this section to the county treasurer of the county in which the court is located or to any other official who discharges the duties